

Churchill

Providence. March 15th 1844

Dear Mr Garrison,

The R. I. House of Representatives last week voted by a liberal majority to submit to the voters of the State the Resolution to amend the Constitution so as to give the women the elective franchise. If it could but pass the Senate we should be jubilant. They referred it to their Com - on Education which is to give us a hearing on next Tuesday. We have reason to fear that a majority of the Com - are opposed to us, but if we can get a minority report the Senate will be obliged to take some action. We asked Mrs Fall to speak for us, and she may yet do so, but as she is ill it is uncertain. I am hardly able to stand, and really fear that I may not

even be able to get to the State House.
If not we shall surely be in danger
of defeat; I mean if no one can be there
to plead. If there are several we shall
still be glad of more. Dear Mrs G -
I know that you are feeble, and that the
fatigue which you will experience if you
attend Mr Sumner's funeral will make
you feel worn; but still I am going
to beg that you will consider the gravity
of this crisis in our affairs and if pos-
sible lend us your invaluable aid.

A brief speech from you would do
us more good than the longest argu-
ment from most others. If this can
pass the Senate I have but little doubt
of our carrying the State, by hard work, and
that would be a gain for the cause
every where. This is such a safe state
to try this in as our foreign born
women, who are such a bugbear to
our opponents, are not would be excluded
as the men are, by the property quali-

fications.

The Hearing is to be upon the rising
of the Senate, about twelve o'clock.

Several of the Cookies feel us I do
that if you can feel able to come we
shall be invincible.

With affection and respect

Elizabeth K Churchill

I think the second train would
take you here in time.

